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## News Release

# Ministry of Northern Development and Mines



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### Province Helps Northeast Tourist Operator Cut Energy Costs - #970040

Invests In Alternative Energy System

**SUDBURY** – The Ontario government is supporting the use of alternative energy sources in the North by investing in the installation of a wind and solar power system at a tourism camp in the Chapleau area, Northern Development and Mines Minister Rick Bartolucci announced today.

“Our government is helping small, northern resource-based tourism businesses pursue clean energy sources and reduce their operating costs,” said Bartolucci. “This project will help Flame Lake Lodge acquire a renewable energy power system and reduce diesel fuel costs.”

Flame Lake Lodge, located approximately 75 kilometres south of Chapleau, will receive \$77,550 from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) to purchase and install a wind and solar power system. The new system will help the year-round resource-based tourist operator generate cleaner energy, facilitate the conversion from existing propane appliances and reduce the camp’s dependency on its diesel generator.

“We believe that developing alternative energy sources will help northern tourist camps thrive and take advantage of the growing eco-tourism market,” said Bartolucci, who chairs the NOHFC. “By helping remote tourist outfitters, such as Flame Lake Lodge, reduce costs we are not only helping ensure their long-term success, we are also helping to protect the northern ecology.”

Other McGuinty government initiatives for northern prosperity include:

- Investing nearly \$8.7 million to date, from the NOHFC, to provide internships and work placements to help some 475 young northerners launch their careers in the North
- Contributing \$1.7 million to establish a network of virtual reality facilities in the North, including one which was recently launched at the Timmins Public Library
- Providing \$250,000 to the Aux Trois Moulins Restaurant and Motel in Chapleau for the installation of a wind turbine.

This NOHFC project is part of the government’s Northern Prosperity Plan for building stronger northern communities. The Northern Prosperity Plan has four pillars: Strengthening the North and its

Communities; Listening to and Serving Northerners Better; Competing Globally; and Providing Opportunities for All.

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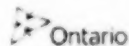
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